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INCREASE IN SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggling activities in narcotics, counterfeit currencies and arms and ammunition has increased on Indian coast;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported during each of the last three years;

(c) whether some manufacturers of Motor Vehicle High Security License Plates (MVHSLP) are being used by the smugglers;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

(e) whether the Directorate of Enforcement, Mumbai are investigating some cases in the matter relating to Foreign Exchange Management Act (PEMA), 1999 and Money Laundering Act, 2002 against some manufacturers of MVHSLP;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the action taken by the Government against the persons found guilty?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)&(b) There is no increase in smuggling activities in narcotics, counterfeit currencies and arms and ammunition on Indian coast. However, on all India basis the seizures made by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) indicate an increase in respect of narcotics and fake Indian Currency notes (FCIN) in the year 2006-07 (up to January 2007) as compared to 2005-06.

(c)& (d) This Ministry has no such intelligence.

(e),(f)&(g) Yes, Sir. On the basis of a complaint, the Directorate of Enforcement has initiated enquiries against certain persons for possible FEMA violations.